



Think For Yourself

By Wayne and Tamara

I go out with a nice lady 15 years my senior. Everyone tells me I'm not on the right track! We like each other. Lots of the time she mentions she is too old for me. I'm 70 and she's 85. She looks younger than I, but they all know her age. What am I to do? We lost our spouses five years ago, and we still enjoy life together. I have lots of friends my age who want me to take them out, but I ignore their pleas. As time rolls on I'm starting to feel lost and empty inside about this. Any ideas?

Robert

Robert, at what point do you get to say, "This is my life. I'm going to do what makes me happy." When is the book going to be about you, if it isn't in the last chapters? All of our lives, from the time we are born, we find more than enough people wanting us to sacrifice something for them. Your "friends" aren't interested in you as a person. They are thinking, if he doesn't marry her, he will marry one of us. Your point is you don't love one of them, but their point is they get to rule over you. Because they are not happy for you, there is no genuine relationship with them. Age doesn't bring wisdom to everyone. Some people are just as mean-spirited and controlling in retirement as they were when they were younger.

The only time we should sacrifice is when it is not asked for and when it is given out of love. That prevents us from feeling like a martyr or feeling like we sacrificed something. When the gift giver gives without being puffed up, or making another feel beholden, that's a good gift. Seeing the effect of the gift is all we should ask for. You know you are giving too much when it feels like giving money to a crack addict. That's the lost and empty feeling you have now. You've been asked to sacrifice your life by others who want to manipulate you for their own gain.

Wayne & Tamara

Birds Of A Feather

I'm 19 and currently single. I haven't dated that many men in my life. Going away to college was like being thrust face first into the dating world, and even now, at the end of my freshman year, I still feel lost.

I've been on a lot of dates, but finally found this guy who seems to be different. Male, age 22, was engaged two years ago. He's been through a series of relationships since then and a number of sex partners. He is also involved in drugs (pot and mushrooms). He is currently being treated for a sexually transmitted disease, which he may or may not have.

This male, despite his shortcomings, has won me over in a short amount of time to think he's different from others. He is caring, sweet, intelligent, and we seem to have a lot of the same interests. My only worry is that with all my inexperience I will end up getting way over my head. Also, I don't think I am comfortable with the fact he smokes pot.

We've only known each other two weeks, but we've already spent hours and hours talking. What should I do? My heart tells me one thing, and my head tells me another.

Anna

Anna, some people have a problem setting their sights too high, but you've set yours too low. Asking for a knight in shining armor may be too much, but that doesn't mean you have to settle for Prince Charming's stable boy.

None of his problems are something an inexperienced dater needs. Until you get your bearings in college, stay with others who are more like yourself: clean slates with all the possibilities of life before them.

Wayne and Tamara

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL
CALL ME TODAY!!!**



Helping Families find Homes since 1980
Proud Supporter of "NSD" National Service Dogs
Dianna-Lynne Robinson, Broker
416-540-6373
SERVICING THE DURHAM AREA
Email: Dianna@DiannaRobinson.com
Residential - Commercial - Land

Keller Williams Referred Urban Realty. 416-572-1016
Each Office Independently Owned & Operated



Bears Sighted in the Pickering Area

Residents and businesses urged to keep food and garbage secure to avoid attracting bears. The Ontario government is reminding area residents to be aware of bear sightings in the City of Pickering and take the necessary steps to avoid attracting bears into local neighbourhoods.

In the past week, there have been several bear sightings in the Pickering area including sightings in the Mulberry Lane, Swordbill Street, 9th Concession Road and Old Brock Road areas. Of these reported incidents, many involved items such as outdoor garbage and birdfeeders.

It's important to note that the same bear can result in multiple sightings. The Ontario government is reminding the public that bears are often attracted to things such as garbage, bird food including suet, seed and nectar, odours from barbecues and ripe fruit left on trees or the ground. Removing these attractants can help keep bears out of the area.

Currently, natural foods for bears in this area are limited. When the availability of natural foods is limited, bears will look for alternative food sources, often in populated communities. When bears cannot gain access to non-natural foods such as garbage, they will not stay in the area.

What are 5 interesting facts about black bears?

Black bears can smell and hear very well. They can also climb trees and are strong swimmers. Black bears can run 35 miles per hour and can live for more than 25 years. Black bears are the largest land mammal in New Jersey.

• Black bears are smaller than brown bears, often called grizzlies. • Black bear cubs weigh less than one pound at birth. They gain 20 to 30 ... black bear facts from kids.

How strong are black bears?

How Dangerous Are Black Bears? - North American Bear Center

Black bears are incredibly strong, capable of feats that far surpass human strength. They can flip over rocks weighing hundreds of pounds, rip apart structures, and have a bite force strong enough to crush bones. While they don't typically target humans, their strength makes them formidable animals.

What time of day are black bears most active?

Black bears are most active during the crepuscular hours, which are dawn and dusk. They are also more likely to be active at night in areas where they are accustomed to human presence, likely due to less human activity at night. In general, black bears tend to bed down during the hottest parts of the day, especially in the summer.

How aggressive is a black bear?

Black bears tend to be shy and non-aggressive toward humans. There has not been an unprovoked bear attack in North Carolina. However, if frequently fed, bears may become dependent on human foods, which may lead to increased interaction with people.

• If a bear poses an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, call 911 or your local police at 905-579-1520.

• For advice about reducing bear attractants, call the Bear Wise reporting line toll-free at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY: 705-945-7641). You will be connected directly with a live operator during bear season, open this year from March 17 to November 30.



FREE

**DISPOSAL OF OLD COMPUTERS
LAP TOPS - CELL PHONES**
If you want to dispose of your
computer, printer, scanner we
repair them and

DONATE THEM TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Give us a call **905-432-2657**

The Oshawa/Durham Central Newspaper

For 29 Years - Durham Largest And Oldest In Print Newspaper

YOUR REGIONAL NEWSPAPER UNITING ONE MUNICIPALITY AT A TIME